

109TH CONGRESS  
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# H. RES. 444

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Ovarian Cancer Awareness  
Month.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 15, 2005

Mr. HALL (for himself, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. ISSA, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. GRANGER, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. COOPER, Mr. WAXMAN, and Mr. DINGELL) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## RESOLUTION

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Awareness Month.

1       *Resolved,*

2       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

3       This Act may be cited as the “Gynecological Resolu-  
4       tion for Advancement of Ovarian Cancer Education”.

5       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

6       The Congress finds that—

7               (1) ovarian cancer is a serious and under-recog-  
8       nized threat to women’s health;

1           (2) ovarian cancer is the fourth leading cause  
2 of cancer death among women living in the United  
3 States;

4           (3) ovarian cancer is very treatable when it is  
5 detected early, but the vast majority of cases are not  
6 diagnosed until the cancer has spread beyond the  
7 ovaries;

8           (4) only 19 percent of ovarian cancer cases in  
9 the United States are diagnosed in the early stages;

10          (5) in cases where ovarian cancer is detected  
11 before it has spread beyond the ovaries, more than  
12 94 percent of women will survive longer than five  
13 years;

14          (6) many people do not know that ovarian can-  
15 cer often presents with persistent symptoms such as  
16 abdominal pressure, bloating, discomfort, nausea, in-  
17 digestion, constipation, diarrhea, frequent urination,  
18 abnormal bleeding, unusual fatigue, unexplained  
19 weight loss or gain, and shortness of breath;

20          (7) many people do not know that certain  
21 women are at higher risk for developing ovarian can-  
22 cer if they have risk factors, including increasing  
23 age, a personal or family history of ovarian, breast,  
24 or colon cancer, and not having had children;

1           (8) raising public awareness of ovarian cancer  
2       by educating doctors and women about the disease  
3       will save lives;

4           (9) ovarian cancer research is needed to develop  
5       early detection tools, prevention methods, enhanced  
6       therapies, and a cure;

7           (10) there are still large gaps in knowledge on  
8       key scientific aspects of the disease;

9           (11) there is still no reliable and easy-to-admin-  
10      ister screening test for ovarian cancer;

11          (12) President George W. Bush has proclaimed  
12      September 2005 as National Ovarian Cancer Aware-  
13      ness Month;

14          (13) during the month of September, the Ovar-  
15      ian Cancer National Alliance and its 46 State and  
16      regional groups hold hundreds of events across the  
17      country to increase public awareness of the disease;  
18      and

19          (14) it would be appropriate to observe Sep-  
20      tember 2005 as National Ovarian Cancer Awareness  
21      Month.

22   **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

23       The House of Representatives supports the goals and  
24      ideals of National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, and  
25      it is the sense of the House of Representatives that—

1           (1) awareness and early recognition of ovarian  
2           cancer symptoms are currently the best way to save  
3           women's lives; and

4           (2) ovarian cancer research should be well-fund-  
5           ed so that a reliable screening test can be developed  
6           and a cure can be found.

